

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:
My name is Nancy Brown and I am a resident of West Haven, CT. I am a member of the Unitarian Society of New Haven, and I write on behalf of the Unitarian Society's Immigration and Refugee Task Force, which I chair.

We support of SB284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Our Immigration and Refugee Task Force has been an ally and supporter of immigrant-led organizations in the greater New Haven area and statewide for over a decade. Our members include immigrants, and we interact directly with immigrants as ESOL tutors, interpreters, and volunteers with immigrant-advocate organizations. We see with our own eyes the day-to-day challenges that immigrants face as they seek to learn the culture and language of the U.S., to raise and educate their children, and to make ends meet. Health care, especially for children, should be available to these families, regardless of immigration status, in a resource-rich state like Connecticut.

We vigorously support SB284 and we hope you will too. It's the only humane thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

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